City of Merced Project No.: C-06-4682-110

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 SECTION 1511 CERTIFICATION

The authorized representative of the State Water Board hereby certifies, and/or affirms, that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion Project (Project) has received the full review and vetting required by law and that such representative accepts responsibility that the Project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. Subject to the provisions of the Agreement, the following general description is provided in order to comply with Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA):

- Project description: The Project will upgrade existing facilities and increase treatment capacity. These improvements are necessary to comply with the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit to handle anticipated growth and to replace aging facilities and equipment.
- Estimated total cost of the Project: \$65,000,000
- Type of assistance: Long-term financing with partial principal forgiveness.
- Estimated amount of ARRA funds to be used: \$2,000,000

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

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